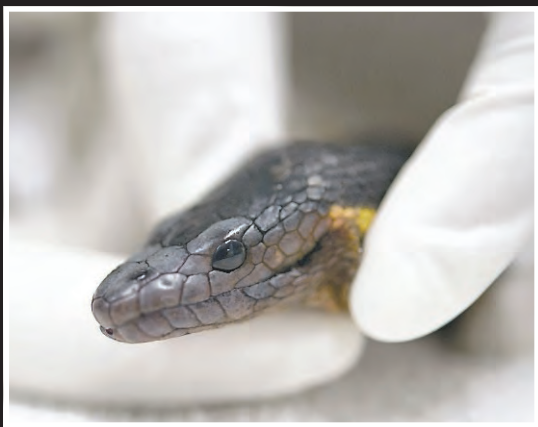


ENVIRONMENT

DISCOVERY OF THIS SEA SNAKE COULD MEAN BIG TROUBLE FOR SEA LIONS



May be sign of warming, which is linked to strandings

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LAGUNA BEACH » Officials from the Pacific Marine Mammal Center on Thursday joined scientists from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles to announce the discovery in Newport Beach of a rare, venomous yellow-bellied sea snake.

The 25-inch-long adult female snake, found by a beachgoer who nearly tripped over it near the 18th Street lifeguard tower on Tuesday, has the marine mammal rescue center assessing what it could mean for sea lion strandings this year.

Scientists at the Los Angeles museum are intrigued, but a bit concerned.

"The discovery of the rare pelagic snake is only the fifth ever recorded in the history of California," said Greg Pauly, associate curator of herpetology at the museum. "But it is the first discovered outside an El Niño year."

Most recently the snake species — which is typically only found in tropical waters and never comes ashore — was discovered on a beach in Coronado in January 2016.

Another one was found in December 2015 at Bolsa Chica State Beach, and another was discovered on Silver Strand Beach in Oxnard in October 2015.

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At top, a rare yellow-bellied sea snake found in Newport Beach. Above, Hot Toddy, a California sea lion that has been nursed back to health over the past 10 months, plays next to a pool at the Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna Beach on Wednesday.

IMMIGRATION

Trump disparages Haitians, Africans

He denigrates nations during DACA talks

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Sheryl Gay Stolberg
The New York Times

WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump on Thursday balked at an immigration deal that would include protections for people from Haiti and some nations in Africa, demanding to know at a White House meeting why he should accept immigrants from "shithole countries" rather than people from places like Norway, according to people with direct knowledge of the conversation.



Trump's remarks, the latest example of his penchant for racially tinged remarks denigrating immigrants, left members of Congress from both parties attending the meeting in the Cabinet Room alarmed and mystified.

He made them during a discussion of an emerging bipartisan deal to give legal status to immigrants illegally brought to the United States as children, the people said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the meeting.

When Trump heard that Haitians were among those who would benefit from the proposed deal, he asked whether they could be left out of the plan, asking, "Why do we want people from Haiti here?"

The comments were reminiscent of ones the president made last year in an Oval Office meeting with Cabinet officials and administration aides, during which he complained about admitting Haitians to the country, saying that they all had AIDS, as well as Nigerians, who he said would never go back to their "huts," according to officials who heard the statements in person or were

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The major policy shift could affect millions of low-income people; it is likely to face strong political opposition. NEWS 3

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IRVINE SPECTRUM CENTER

Hello Kitty, H&M part of expansion



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A rendering of the Irvine Spectrum Center expansion shows a two-story H&M clothing store, set to be the largest in the West.

Brands among 14 of 30 to take over former Macy's space

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A Hello Kitty-themed restaurant serving coffee and cocktails. Handcrafted ice cream stuffed inside a doughnut. Slick Americana socks designed for punks and poets.

That's the vision for a \$200 million expansion of the Irvine Spectrum Center, one of Or-

ange County's busiest malls. On Thursday, the Irvine Co. revealed 14 of the 30 retailers and restaurants slated to open in 2018 and 2019 in the former Macy's space. Tenants range from local retail and food hotshots to international brands such as Hello Kitty Cafe, H&M, Sephora and 85°C Bakery Café.

The expansion, one of the biggest capital investments made at the center since it opened 22 years ago, includes four buildings with 30 new tenants. A two-story H&M will be the Swedish fast-fashion retailer's largest store west of the Mississippi. San

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